

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-5, 7 and new claims 33-47 are pending. Pending independent claims include claims 1, 33, and 42. Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as indefinite for failing to recite structure consistent with claiming a “system”. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as broad enough to read on unpatentable subject matter, specifically, a mere arrangement of printed matter without sufficient meaningful cooperation between printed information and the substrate on which such information is printed. New claims 33-47 are written in view of previously presented and cancelled claims 8-21 and 23-32 so as to avoid rejections of the type made of record in the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003 wherein claims 8-10 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as indefinite. Claims 8-21 and 23-32 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as directed to subject matter not within the technological arts. The claims as amended and new claims traverse and avoid the Examiner's rejections. No new matter is submitted.

The Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for the courtesy extended in the telephone interview held July 12, 2005. As to the rejection under §112, the Examiner agreed that the means clauses included sufficient structures in the specification, however, these means clauses also included nonpatentable subject matter, and so were deemed indefinite. The Examiner suggested that a processor and memory would be suitable structure for claim 1. The Examiner did not agree that an informed student is a useful, concrete, and tangible result. The Examiner agreed that if the “recording means” of claim 1 were rewritten so as not to include purely manual writings (as these are included in the specification), the printed matter rejection would be traversed. The Examiner agreed that a claim is within the technical arts and recites a useful, concrete, and tangible result when it recites a number or an association stored in computer memory.

Rejection Under §112

Each claim as amended is definite. Since the specification is broad, Applicant has removed “means for” and “step for” claim language to avoid construction of the claims that would include in the scope of equivalents nonpatentable subject matter under §112 para. 6 and §101.

The amendments to the claims and new claims are supported in the specification at least, for example, *inter alia*, paragraphs 31, 32, 65, 66, and FIGs. 2, 3, 4, and 9.

Rejection Under §101

A claim presents statutory subject matter under §101 when, as a whole, it is within the technological arts and it recites a concrete, tangible result. Each pending independent claim meets this standard as follows. Claim 1 recites a system comprising a processor and a memory that are well within computer technology art. Claim 1 as a whole provides a useful concrete tangible result, for example, *inter alia*, “recording entries by the student in a worksheet in the memory, the worksheet comprising a first region for a list of personality traits obtained via cross-referencing, and a second region in association with the first region, the second region for a summary of the experience”.

Claim 33 recites a method performed by a computer system comprising outputting and storing that are well within computer technology art. Claim 33 as a whole provides a useful concrete tangible result, for example, *inter alia*, “maintaining in the memory an association between each respective description and the respective subset”.

Claim 42 recites a system comprising electronic media and a computer that are well within computer technology art. Claim 42 as a whole provides a useful concrete tangible result, for example, *inter alia*, “a computer ... that maintains storage for the electronic media for a plurality of worksheets”.

Conclusion

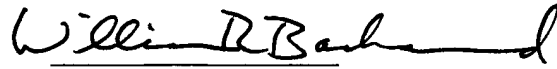
Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed

below if it would in any way advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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